SOME SAN DIEGO COUNTY PLEIS TORENE NOTES. BV Frank Stephens.

The Pleistocene exposures in San Diego county are along the sea coest, the greater number being close to the beach of ocean or bay. Their elevation above the present sea level varies from at or below sea level to nearly one hundred feet above the sea. Taken as a whole the elevation After the strata were deposited was nearly uniform, though there are some Rocal differences of a few feet. The e are some differences between the strata on the ocean front and those on San Diego and Mission Bays and they are probably not contemporaneous, the ocean front probably are younger. Before the time when these Pleistocene deposits were laid down an alevation of the whole region had extended the dry land several miles westward. Then a period of depression occurred, continuing until the sea beach was a short distance furthur inland than the present sea beach. This was probably when the fossil snell deposits at San Diego and Mission Bays were laid down. Then a few feet more depression occured. The land remainel stationary a long time and the sea out a terrace along the water front. Phis terrace is distinct along the west side of Point Loma and propably a xtended along the coast for many miles as traces of can be round in many places. The sea level at this time was nearly one hundred feet above the present sea level and the snore line was very different from the present snore line. There were no San Diego and Mission Bays. Point Loma was an islant. There were small pays at the mouths of the rivers The accompanying sketch map shows how the shore line would look if the land was now Aegressed one hundred feet. It is based on the one hundred foot contour t / ine of the San Diego and La Jolla Quadrangles of the U. S. topographic 5 irveys. As the contact between the Pleistocene strata of the terrace abi the underlying rocks is distinct and varies out a very few feet xer from tie horizontal in many miles it is practically certain that the sketch map shows where the shore line was just before the last elevation. Later t the land rose to its present position and the sea began cutting a new ter- . ace. It has worn away much of the old terrace, in places even the whole of it. On Point Loma the remnant varies from a few yards to a quarter of mile in width. From Torrey Pines to Mission Bay it is all gone in places only a few fragments being left, that one on which Pacific Beach is built Asing the largest. Given time enough the sea will get these too. 'The mills or the gods grind slowly, but they grind exceeding fine". These fleistocene da osits should not be confused with the shells of edible species found at ancient Indian camp sites and villages ('kitchen-middens') found in many places along the coast. These shells are of few species, for often contain small shells and therefore may be misleading. These shall shalls are usually young individuals of the edicle species. Identification of the species was made by Mrs. Kate Stephens. She has Lyamined all the shells collected at the various localities herein desctided, numbering several thousand specimens. Practically all the species

found are now living in the ocean, some are southern scarcely, or not now, found this far north. More are northern species. This shows a forcer

voriation in the ocean currents.

The numbers used are those of entries in the Geological Record of the S

San Piego Society of Matural Wistory.

SDSNy# 118. International Boundary Monument #258 is on a mesa a few yards from its edge, at the Pacific Ocean. This mess is a terrace about 75 rest in altitude at the beach and about 150 rest where it abuts against the nills eastward, the terrace is about hall a mile in width. Northward it is bounded a quarter of a mile from the international boundary by the Tijuana River bottom. The sand beach in front of the terrace is a nuired yards or more in width. On it are some small sand dunes. The bank at the edge of the terrace is a steep, soil-covered slope carrying a considerable growth of orush. This soilhides the ede of the more or less consolidated sand and clay underlying the terrace and rock exposures are very lew. 75 yards north of monument 258 a small ravine cuts through the talus and exposes a fossiliferous stratum about 40 feet below the edge of the terrace and about 30 reet above the sea. This stratum is about a foot thick and contains an abundance of fragments of large bivalves. These fragments are so thoroughly broken that very few can be recognized specifically. By sifting I obtained a number of univalves mostly small species. The material underlying the fossiliterous stratm appears to be a soft sundstone. That over it is sand and clay, poorly consolidated except a hard stratum or sandstone near the top or the slope. The species most abundant found here are - Acularia perpenguis, Alectrion fossata, Columbella carinata, Conus calitorniaus, Cratiula adunca, Dentalium nechaxagonum, Olivella poetica, Tallina meropsis, Turbinella sp.

SDSNUM II9. About a quarter of a mile from the ocean a ravine crosses the international boundary east of monument 258. It runs northward to the Tijuana River bottom. About 200 yards north of the boundary in the bank west side of the ravine a fossiliferous stratum is exposed, it is about a foot thick and is composed of material similar to that of #II8, and, like it, is exposed but a few feet in length. About 25 yards south of this exposure is another small exposure of this rossil bearing stratum. As the fossils upgeared to be like those of #II9 I did not collect any of them.

From composition, situation and altitude I believe #II8 and #II9 are a a part of the xx same stratum, and that this stratum underlies the terrace possibly as far back as the wave cut terrace extends, and that the overlying material was worn away from the nills partly by wave action and partly by erosion. After later elevation the sea were away the edge of the terrace and built a sand beach in front of the bank.

The species most abundant are - Acularia perpenguis, Columbella carinata Conus californicus, Crepidula adunca, Dentalium neonexagonum, Glycimeris septentrionalis, Kellia lapercusei, Odostoma sp. Olivella pedroana,

Tellina bodegensis.

SDSNH, 54 Twety sixth Street at San Diego Bay. This locality is marked on the San Diego Quadrangle as Indian Point. The rossil deposit is at the pay shore and extends a plock each way from the foot of 26th. street. The Santa Fe railroad is graded along the bank and exposes some of the dejosit. The grade cuts through the point. The principal deposit of shells is on the outer side of the point. It extends from 15 or 20 feet above tide to an unknown distance under water. Shells of several species are abundant. They are in coarse sand, usually loose, cemented with lime in places. There is considerable 'kitcen midden' material on the terruce at the top of the bank and some of the shells have been washed down on the face of the bank. The species most abundant are - Cardium substrictulum, Chione undatella, Coccum sp., Crucipulum spinosum, Diplodonta sericata, Dosina ponderosa, Lacuna unifasciata, Macoma calcara, Mactra californica.

SDSNu# 55. Greely Street south of 32nd. Street. About two thirds of a mile from San Diego Bay In a bank south side of a ravine - old railroad grade in the ravine. Alt. about 40 feet. There is a sandstone stratum, semented with lime, that contains many fragments of shells and a few whole ones, but they are soft and crumble in extracting. Overlying this stratum is soil that contains scattered shells that are better preserved. They probably were wearhered out of a higher stratum. Soil and rubbish have been dumped over the bank and obscure its face. The commonest shells here are - Chione succincta, Ostrea lurida, Pecten circularis and Phacoides nuttalli.

When S in Diego City ((''New Town'') was first settled fresh water used by the inhabitants was obtained from wells. One of these wells was in the Lower end of Cabrille Canon, in the southwestern corner of Balboa Park. According to the contours of the San Diego Quadrangle this is about the 100 foot contour. In digging the well fossil shells were found, which fact as reported to Mr. Yeary Yearhill, a conchologist then living in San Mego. Mr. Temphill made a collection of over a hundred species of an ils from this well. These were sent to Dr. Dall for identification. Dr. Dall eported on them in Pros. Sal. Asademy of Sciences, V 1874, and in Proc. t. S. National Museum Vol I 1878, pp 10 - 16 and pp 20 - 30. The shells ere obtained at a depth of 90 to 160 feet from the surface, therefore at and below sea level. This well was about a mile from the bay. Shells were found in other wells also, but not in as much abundance as in this one. no report of the relative abundance was made, but Dr. Dall makes some comments on their distribution. ' Ten species ar extinct and ninety Seven are still found living Of those recent or still living forms twenty re found in the California fauna and northward at the present time. Fighteen more are found in the California fauna and southward, while orty four are strictly Californian. Besides there are eight species Lelonging to the Oregonian or Arctic fauna and no longer found living in ne Californian region. Seven more are found on the west coast of Mexico, ne Gull of California, or western Middle America, and so far as we know, .o longer in the Californian region. "

SDSNU# 56. Spanish Bight. A bridge across the Bight is the principal onnection between Goronado Beach and the aviation grounds on North Island. A cliff 30 to 25 feet in height along the east side of North Island dorders the Bight, which at high tides reaches the foot of the cliff. A undred yards south of the west end of the bridge a coquina deposit composed principally of Donax commences. In the upper part of the deposit the shells are rather firmly comented together, but lower they are less comentd, often being loose in sand. The Donax deposit is a dozen meet or more n thickness and is overlaid with a few feet of soil. It extends about a undred yards southward where it rather abruptly becomes considerably less abundant in Donax and other species come in, rather sparingly at first but ore abundantly further on and occasioally in bunches. These fossils occur n gray sand. The face of the cliff is usually covered with a few inches o two or three feet of soil which has been washed from above or dumped row the aviation grounds. Much rubbish has also been thrown over the lift, in places covering the best of the collecting ground. This Spanish ight locality has yielded the greatest number of species of any collectng locality along this part of the coast. Some of the species most abundant are - Alectrion fossata, Aligena cerritensis, Columbella guaarata, Dendraste excentrica, Dentalium neohexagonum, Crepitula atunca, ryrtomya californica, Donax laevigata, Olivella biplicata, Olivella oetica, Pecten latiauratus, Tellina buttoni, Terepra redroanum, Tivella tulgorum.

SDSNu# 57. At Rosencrans Street southwest from Dumas Street for two blocks street grading has exposed a deposit consisting principally of fragments of Ostrea lurida. The Ostrea fragments are a compact mass several rest in thickness. The e are a few other species in small numbers. The altitude above the pay is 30 or 40 feet.

Along the Western side of Point Long there is practically no beaun, the wares at mid- and high-tides beat against a rock clift. At low tide a narrow rock or boulder beach may be exposed in places. The clift is so near perpendicular that it can be scaled in few places. The line of contact between the Plaistocene and the underlying older rocks can easily be distinguished all along the clirks. The contact line is norizontal, varying so little from a true level for many miles that it requires close inspection, or the use of an insturment, to detect any variation. This is not the case with the underlying strata. It is seldom that they run nori-Zontal any distance. The older rocks dip at various angles and in various directions, showing that they had been distorted by earth movements before the upper part had been out away in Pleistocene time. A recarkable Tact is that no such local disturbances have taken place since the Pleistodene strata have been deposited. as the variation in level of the Pleistopene strata is but a very few feet in the many miles along the coast. One exception to this condition must be noted. About a third of a mile from the southern extremity of Point Long a fault occurred with a downthrow of about wenty feet on the south side. This fault occured after the Plaistocene strata were deposited, as the iron in the contact line shows. It may have occured at the time of the last elevation of the land.

While the Pleistocene strata were being deposited the surf was at work wearing away the base of the bordering hills and forming a terrace. After the last uplift occured the waves began on a new terrace and have already worn away much of the Pleistocene terrace which now varies in width along the west coast of Point Loma from a few yards to a quarter of a mile.

The commonest Pleistocene species found along the West coast or Point Long The commonest Pleistocene species found along the West side or Point Long are - Acmaes insissa, Acmaes limitula, Acmaes mitra. Acmaes pelta, Acmaes scapra, Aletes squamigerus, Cardita subquairata, Chione undatula, Chlorostoma runebrale specia, Conus californicus, Crepidula aculenta, Crepidula adunca, Chuminges lamel ost, Fissurella volcano, Leptotaya carpenteri, Littorina scutellata, Lottia gigantea, Melara he scutellata, Mytilus californicus, Papila staminea, Phacoiles californicus, Pseudo-chama exogyra, Septider bifurcata.

SDSN' 64. At the northeast corner of Mission Bay is a cut male by the Santa fe railroad. In the northern end of the cut is a deposit of Pleistocene shells. This extends below ditches a the sides of the track an unknown distance and up the bank eight or ten feet. In the cliff between the railroad and the bay is an exposure of Pliocene age, and at the waters edge is a stratum of Eocene age. The altitude of the railroad cut is 25 or 30 feet. Some of the species found here are - Ceritidea california, Chione gnidia, Chione succincta, Macoma calcara, Paphia staminea, Phacoides californicus, *hacoides nuttalli, Purpura hacmostoma, Tagelus californicus, Pelania sericata, Tellina meropsis.

SDSNy # 65. Crown Point was formerly known as Bay Point. It projects into mission Bay from the north. Along the west side of its southern extremity is a deposit of Pleispodene age. This is a cementel mass coposed principally of Ponax laevigata, with a few Aniantes callosa, Chione succincta, Macoma secta, Paphia staminea and Tivella stultorumscatterd through the mass. In the lower part about high tide line Dendrastes excentricum is common. The shell bearing stratum extends from the water

ten to firteen feet up the bank.

SDSNU# 66. Along the ocean front at Pacific Beach is a cliff 20 to 50 feet in height. Through about half a mile of the southern part of this cliff fossils are more or less abundant. The upper 5 to 55 feet of this cliff is Pleistocene, and the lower part is Pliocene. In the Pliocene a skull, rips and vertebrae, of some species of whalebone whale have been found. Pleistocene shells have been washed down over the Pliocene and are liable to be confused with Pliocene species. The contact between the Pleistocene and Pliocene is practically horizontal, but the Pliocene strata are non-conformable, the dip being southward. A careful collection of fossil, shells from above the contact includes the following common species - Acanthina paucilirata, Acmaea insessa, Alectrion fossata, Aletes squamigerus, Caliostoma canaliculatm, Columbella carinata, Columbella guasapata, Conus californicus, Crepidula adunca, Crepidula onyx, Cryptomya Diadora sp., Donax laevigata, Pissurella volcano, Littorina scutellata, Olivella biplicata, Olivella pedroana, Paphia staminea, Polinices recluziana, Tivella stultorum.

SDSNy # 57. At the beach between La Jolia and La dila yermosa are weathered out shells lying on the surface or a few inches in the soil. Is to 35 feet above tide. I found no stratum, probably it is all weathered away. Conditions are much the same for some distance along the beach out I found no shells elsewhere. In the cliff a little furthur south the contact between the Pleistonene and the older rocks is plain, but I found no fossils there. Species found here are - Acmaea limitula, Barnacles, Donax gould, Isochiton sp., Lottia gigantea, Mytilus californicus, Pseulochama exogyra, Septifer birureata.

SDSNy # 68. The Plaistocene terrace that once must have extended along the ocean side of the Torrey Pines ridge has been almost completely obliterated by the sea. At least one remnant is left. This is at the Stairway Canon, a mile or more south of the northern extremity of the ridge. This remnant extends a quarter of a mile or so southward from the stairway and nearly as far northward, but the northward part is much narrower merely a shelf toward the end with but a thin cossiliferous stratum left over the contact. Evidently in Plaistocene time there was a cove or little valley at the lower end of the Stairway Canon which the surf widened and cut back beyond the elsewhere nearly straight face or the clift and was therefore somewhat protected. In this cove and probably in that part of the terrace that has vanished, clay, sand and shells were deposited, forming the Pleistocene strata. The contact between the lower part of the pleistocene strata and the Eocene below it about sixty feet

feet above sea level. The Eocene strata are not fossil bearing at that neight, but are richly fossiliferous at and a little above sea level, and Locene fossils may be found in places near the top of the cliffs. 200 to 250 feet above sea level. At least 25 species of fossil shells occur in the Pleistocene strata. The most common species are - Cummingea lancilosa, Donax gouldi, Donax laevigata, Isochiton sp., Mytalus californicus, Paphia staminea, Pseudochama exogyra, Tivella stuftörum, Saxidomus nuttalli.

SDSN; # 69. North side of San Dieguito valley, about two miles by road from Del Mar on the way to Rancho Santa Fe. Adout a mile from the sea. In the nillside north of the roads a Pleistocene deposit. In its eastern part the shells are weathered out and scattered over the hillside, with no stratum discernable. In the western part, in a small gulen is a stratum of line cemented sanistone containing fossil shells, and near the gulen were what appeared to be blocks of the same stratum in the soil. The fossiliterous stratum is about 60 feet alove sea level. Brush and soil coscure the situation, and no contact with older rock was found. A few hundred yards furthur east, at the roadside, is a stratum containing Eocene fossils. The most common species of the Pleistocene shells found were - Aletes squamigerus, Chione species of the Pleistocene shells found sericata, Diplodonta subquadrata, Ostrea lurida, Phacoides nuttalli, Pecten aequisulcata, Pinna sp., Tagelus californicus.

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